



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT – Adverse seasonal conditions – Fodder development and Fodder conservation through convergence – Constitution of a State Level Coordination Committee – Orders – Issued.

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**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH.III) DEPARTMENT**

G.O. Rt.No. 215

dated: 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

Read the following:

From the Director of Animal Husbandry, Letter Roc.No.9767/D/D8/2010, dated 7<sup>th</sup>  
April, 2010.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter read above, the Director of Animal Husbandry has reported that livestock farming play a pivotal role in the rural economy contributing 7.22% of revenue to the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and 23.63 lakh families depend on livestock farming in the State. In view of the changing socio climatic environment, farmers are shifting from traditional agriculture to livestock farming, as the livestock farming is providing more sustainable livelihood than other endeavors. The requirement of fodder for the livestock is met mostly from the crop residues of various food crops and in a limited way from the fodder crops and ever diminishing pasture lands. Major productive and reproductive problems of livestock are arising from nutritional deficiencies.

2. During the last ten years, there is a shift in consistency of rainfall due to which the State is recurrently experiencing drought situation. Such situation is leading to depletion of cropped area and thus resulting in reduced crop resources for livestock feeding. The cropped area includes command areas, tanks, reservoirs and also under rain fed conditions. The areas covering Telangana and Rayalaseema are mostly having rain fed cropping system and shadow rainfall area, frequently subjected to drought and the livestock feed balance is in greater fluctuations. These areas need special focus for management of fodder resources. Though the primary role of Animal Husbandry Department is the health care and breed development of livestock, the fodder development is also assigned to this Department as additionality. The fodder base has to be developed through long term initiatives and the efforts needed in this direction to be multifaceted by involving the line Departments i.e., Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, Forestry, Panchayat Raj, Irrigation, Revenue for production of biomass for livestock grazing/feeding and Rural Water Supply for provision of drinking water to the livestock by constructing new water troughs apart from maintenance of the already constructed water troughs. The need of the Research Organizations like Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, CRIDA, ICRISAT etc. are also required for conducting research and development on evolution of suitable fodder crops and drought resistant varieties. This effort will improve biomass and the gap in fodder availability can be bridged even during the adverse seasonal conditions. Hence, the Director of Animal Husbandry has requested the Government to constitute a State Level Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of the Special Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries Department with the Secretaries of the above line Departments/Organizations as Members to work in coordination with one another for the fodder/pasture development to enable the livestock production and productivity in the State.

3. After careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Animal Husbandry, Government hereby constitute the State Level Coordination Committee with the following to work in coordination with one another for the fodder/pasture development to enable the livestock production and productivity in the State:

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| 1. Special Chief Secretary to Government/Principal Secretary/<br>Secretary, A.H.D.D. & F. Department | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department...  |     | Member   |
| 3. Special Chief Secretary to Government,<br>Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri) Department             | ... | Member   |
| 4. Principal Secretary to Government (P.R.)<br>Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department          | ... | Member   |
| 5. Principal Secretary to Government (R.D.)<br>Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department          | ... | Member   |

6. Secretary to Government, Irrigation & CAD Department ... Member
7. Secretary to Government, Revenue Department ... Member
8. Representatives of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, CRIDA, ICRISAT ... Members
9. Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Hyderabad ... Member-Convenor

4. The role of the line Departments will be as follows:

S. No.	Department	Role
1	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To introduce fodder policy in to crop policy</li> <li>Supply of fodder seed, fodder slips and other related inputs required for fodder development to the farmers</li> </ul>
2	Horticulture	To introduce fodder/pasture development in orchards
3	Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of fodder/pasture in community tank beds &amp; common lands &amp; Individual holdings through SHGs/NREGS</li> <li>Development of Seasonal/Perennial fodder production, Pasture production, fodder trees, Azolla etc., through DWMA/DRDA/SERP</li> </ul>
4	Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop pasture in social forestry plantations, pasture development in fringes through VSSs</li> <li>Collection of forest hay (Heteropogan &amp; Andropogan) during pre-flowering stage &amp; establishment of fodder depots through VSSs</li> <li>Development of fodder tree nurseries &amp; propagation of fodder tree plantations</li> <li>Allowing of livestock into forest blocks for grazing</li> <li>Allowing the farmers to cut &amp; carry the forest hay</li> </ul>
5	Panchayat Raj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply of fodder seed, fodder slips and other related inputs required for fodder development to the farmers</li> <li>Development of fodder/pasture in community tank beds &amp; common lands through SHGs/NREGS</li> <li>Owning fodder production as per G.O.Ms.No.106 AH, DD &amp; F Dept. under devolution of powers</li> </ul>
6	Irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development/promotion of fodder at feasible areas and under buy-back arrangement</li> <li>Promotion of catch crop in the paddy fields or wherever feasible</li> </ul>
7	Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification and allotment of the govt.(fallow) lands for fodder development</li> </ul>
8	RWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of drinking water to the livestock by constructing new water troughs apart from the maintenance of the already constructed water troughs</li> </ul>
9	Research Organizations (ANGRAU, SVVU, CRIDA, ICRISAT etc.,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting Research &amp; Development on evolvement of suitable fodder crops and drought resistant varieties and release to the field</li> <li>Research on better utilization of Non-conventional feed resources</li> <li>Adoptable biotechnological interventions for biomass production</li> </ul>

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5. The State Level Coordination Committee constituted In Para 3 above will meet periodically on quarterly basis to assess and review the fodder situation and take suitable steps for fodder/ posture development.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.V.PRASAD  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government, A.H.D.D. & F. Department.

The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.

The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agrl) Department

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The Secretary to Government, Irrigation & CAD Department.

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department

The Representatives of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University,

Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, CRIDA, ICRISAT through the D.A.H.

The Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Hyderabad.

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